



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE  
THE QUALIFICATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES CINDY GAMRAT  
AND TODD COURSER**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015                      9:30 a.m.                      352 State Capitol Building

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Representative Ed McBroom, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine, Chirkun, Liberati.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, September 8, 2015 meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to serving on the committee.

Chair McBroom gave an opening statement indicating there were two additional e-mails Representative Cindy Gamrat submitted and were included in the public document labeled Exhibit 2.

Norm Saari, Public Service Commissioner and former Chief of Staff for House Speaker Kevin Cotter, was called to testify before the Committee.

Chair McBroom administered the oath to Mr. Saari.

Mr. Saari took questions posed by Committee members.

Representative Heise moved to strike from the record Mr. Saari's testimony due to its irrelevance to the qualifications of Representatives Courser and Gamrat to hold office in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 4-2-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine.

Nays: Representatives Chirkun, Liberati.

Pass: None.

Chair McBroom made a statement that Attorneys for Ben Graham and Keith Allard have communicated with attorneys for the House of Representatives indicating that Mr. Graham and Mr. Allard have fully cooperated with the House Business Office investigation and have therefor chosen not to testify before the Committee.

Representative Chirkun made a statement indicating that he and Representative Liberati have requested that former staffers for Representatives Courser and Gamrat, Ben Graham and Keith Allard, appear before the committee, but were informed by legal counsel they chose not to do so. Representative Chirkun also commented on the two additional e-mails submitted by Representative Gamrat that were added to Exhibit 2.

Chair McBroom announced the Committee would hear an audio file, recorded by Ben Graham, of a meeting between himself and Representative Courser at Representative Courser's law office in Lapeer on the evening of May 19, 2015. The audio file is a part of the House Business Office Report on the Investigation of Alleged Misconduct by Representative Todd Courser and Representative Cindy Gamrat.

Chair McBroom placed the Committee at ease, the time being 11:25 a.m.

Chair McBroom called the meeting back to order, the time being 11:40 a.m.

Representative Todd Courser was called to testify before the Committee.

Chair McBroom administered the oath to Representative Courser.

Representative Courser, with his legal counsel, appeared before the Committee. Representative Courser made a statement to the committee.

Mr. Dan Randazzo, Representative Courser's legal counsel, testified before the Committee.

Representative Courser and his counsel took questions from Committee members.

Chair McBroom placed the Committee at ease, the time being 1:00 p.m.

Chair McBroom called the meeting back to order, the time being 4:30 p.m.

Representative Courser and his legal counsel returned to answer additional questions from Committee members.

With no further business to come before the committee at this time, Representative Heise moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Ed McBroom, Chair  
House Select Committee to Examine the Qualifications of Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser

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Date approved by the Committee

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